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Division of Aging Update

Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Redesign

Indiana created the Pre-Admission Screening Program (PAS) in the early 1980s. The program was intended to prevent premature or unnecessary nursing facility placement for individuals with long-term care needs that did not require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.

While long-term care has changed greatly over the past 30 years, the administrative requirements of Indiana's PAS program have not. Nursing facility placement is often the default for care when many Hoosiers could safely access home and community-based options if they were aware of all the possible choices. Identification of these individuals is still a critical function, but is not being efficiently accomplished in the existing PAS system.

As a result of Senate Enrolled Act 465, the current state statute will sunset in June 2016, and the Division of Aging (DA) believes existing Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) federal requirements can be the basis of a redesigned system without introducing legislation for a new statute.

The legislation required the DA to collaborate with all stakeholders in this process to develop alternatives to PAS, so we have worked with hospital systems, nursing facilities, Area Agencies on Aging, FSSA's Division of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, over the past six months to design a PASRR system that effectively and efficiently identifies the most appropriate services and settings for Hoosiers who need them.

Indiana then contracted with Ascend Management Innovations (Ascend) to assist with designing and executing an evidence-based, efficient, and person-centered PASRR process, which will be implemented on July 1, 2016. Indiana and Ascend will continue to work over the next year to assure a smooth transition in the delivery of services to Hoosiers.

On January 21, 2016, we will host the first of several webinars to introduce the new system and provide an online demonstration. Details on registering for these webinars will be forthcoming from Ascend, and a schedule will also be posted on our [PASRR project website](#) and on [Ascend's website](#) as it becomes available. Please forward this newsletter to others who would benefit from this information.



If you would like to learn more, and stay up to date on the project, you will find a link to the [PASRR webpage](#) on our [website](#). The PASRR page includes a link for subscribing to a PASRR listserv so you can receive notices of upcoming webinars, software upgrades, reporting requirements, and continuing trainings.

Rebalancing for the Future

On December 16, 2015, Indiana's Division of Aging and the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning convened a forum to discuss the challenges our state faces in providing long-term care services for Hoosiers, best practices, and plans for rebalancing. Key stakeholders invited to the day-long event included nursing facility trade association members, hospital association members, advocacy groups, providers of long-term care services, Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, along with local representatives, and members of the public who wish to have a broader understanding of the impact rebalancing would have on the state and its residents.

Held on the campus of the University of Indianapolis, the discussion included leaders of the National Associations of Medicaid Directors, State Units for Aging and Disabilities, State Directors of Developmental Disabilities, as well as representatives from Texas and Kansas that are proving successful in their efforts to rebalance long-term care. Forum attendees also heard from a representative of AARP Government Affairs, who discussed how Indiana stacks up on its annual AARP Scorecard. A representative of Milliman, the consulting actuarial firm that works with Indiana's Medicaid program, also gave an overview of historical Medicaid long-term care data in Indiana, and projections for the future based on state demographics.

Another highlight was the panel discussion by Indiana's Medicaid Director Joe Moser, Division of Aging Director Yonda Snyder, FSSA Reimbursement Director, Chris Fletcher, and Division of Aging Deputy Director Debbie Pierson. Responding to questions from the audience, panel members discussed a variety of topics ranging from increasing Medicaid waiver capacity, and involving stakeholders in future rebalancing discussions, to non-Medicaid funding sources such as CHOICE and the Older Americans Act, and the future of the Money Follows the Person program.

The FSSA panel discussion Q&A notes will be posted on [the Rebalancing Project website](#) soon but in the meantime, take a moment to look through the [slide presentations](#) from the forum. Please send any comments or suggestions through the Rebalancing.Project@fssa.in.gov email. You can also use the link on the project website to register to receive email updates as we continue working on rebalancing efforts.

Changes in the Division of Aging

Division of Aging Director Yonda Snyder recently appointed **Karen Gardner Gilliland** as the Director of Indiana's State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program. The Ombudsman program serves to advocate for the needs and protection of long-term care residents by assisting them with investigation and resolution of problems and complaints. The Ombudsman also advocates on behalf of all Hoosiers through review of regulations and policies affecting long-term care service delivery. In her new position, Karen will oversee 22 full and part-time local Ombudsmen located throughout the state.

Karen has been with Indiana's Division of Aging for eight years, most recently serving as Deputy Director for Policy and Planning. As a gerontologist, Karen has over 40 years of experience in the world of service provision for older adults in both Indiana and Ohio. In May of this year, Karen was the recipient of the Indiana Association of Home and Hospice Care's 2015 Advocate of the Year Award.

And many of you may already know **Steve Bordenkecher's** last day in the DA was, appropriately enough, at the end of the year. As in the end of an era. His expertise in QA/QI will be missed, but we're sure the state's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning is happy to welcome him where he'll be keeping an eye on provider contracts.

Steve was with the DA for nearly eight years, four of those as a contractor. Prior to that, he worked with FSSA's Bureau of Quality Improvement and the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services. His favorite project was re-writing the quality framework for both the A&D and TBI waivers, which resulted in his being invited by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to do a nationally-broadcast webinar on the framework. We already miss this nationally-known webinar star, but he's only one floor down so we do see him from time to time. And well, again...donuts.

Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration 2016

Did you know January 7, 2016, is just one of many 200th anniversaries for the State of Indiana occurring this year? On that day in 1885, Mark Twain performed at the Plymouth Church in Indianapolis. A reporter for the Journal wrote, "The drollery of his appearance and manner invests the commonplace and wearisome with a freshness and comicality that is irresistible."

Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration 2016 aims to honor our state's 200 years of history in a way that engages Hoosiers—all 6.5 million of us—and leave a lasting legacy for future generations at the same time. Community involvement is one of the key pillars of the Celebration. Find out about opportunities for local and regional Bicentennial celebrations, projects, and programs to help highlight the best of Indiana! Visit the [Hoosier History Highlights' webpage](#) for more of those celebrated dates in Indiana's history.

Funding Opportunity Announcement

The federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has released the fiscal year 2016 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program solicitation. The program provides three-year awards, up to \$400,000, to local communities to address abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect against victims who are 50 years of age or older. Award funds must be used to organize training and cross-training for criminal justice and other professionals, develop services for older victims, and create or enhance a coordinated community response.

Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, tribal governments or tribal organizations, population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting

individuals over 50 years of age, victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and state, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions.

Application Deadline: All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 11, 2016. The application is available [here](#) and additional information maybe be found on the [OVW website](#).